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### CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS FOR JUNE

Approximately 4,681,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during June at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market.

This compares with 3,632,000 pounds in June of last year, and brings the first six months of 1940 up to 28,970,000 pounds—a 30 percent increase over the same period in 1939 when the receipts totalled 22,283,000 pounds, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

During the month, 75 classifications of seafood—fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water—from 26 States, Alaska, and six Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of these, 2,340,000 pounds were fresh-water; 1,297,000 pounds salt-water; and 1,044,000 pounds shellfish—including frogs, turtles, and squid.

Approximately 3,767,000 pounds of the total were domestic catch; about 914,000 pounds imported (including catch taken by domestic vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were greatest from British Columbia which sent in almost 618,000 pounds (mostly halibut), 473,000 pounds in bond.

Predominating fresh-water species at the Chicago Market during June were fresh and frozen lake trout (510,000 pounds); fresh and frozen lake herring (344,000 pounds); whitefish (292,000 pounds); yellow perch (187,000 pounds); and yellow pike (160,000 pounds).

Most abundant salt-water species were: fresh and frozen halibut (559,000 pounds); and frozen rosefish fillets (247,000 pounds).

Among shellfish species, fresh and frozen shrimp (857,000 pounds); sea scallops (84,000 pounds); and lobsters (27,000 pounds), were foremost among shellfish sent to this market.

Michigan (850,000 pounds); Louisiana (670,000 pounds); Wisconsin (617,000 pounds); and Massachusetts (505,000 pounds), were the leading states in supplying the Chicago market with fishery products.

About 2,055,000 pounds came into Chicago by express; 1,371,000 pounds by truck; and the remainder—1,255,000 pounds—by freight.

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